

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02116-EGS

FREEDOM WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
 JUSTICE et al

Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan

Case: 1:18-cv-02657-EGS

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Plaintiff

FREEDOM WATCH, INC.

Date Filed: 09/11/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
 Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

represented by **Larry E. Klayman**
 KLAYMAN LAW GROUP, P.A.
 2020 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Suite 800
 Washington, DC 20006
 (310) 595-0800
 Fax: (202) 379-9289
 Email: leklayman@gmail.com
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

V.

Defendant

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

represented by **Melanie Dyani Hendry**
 U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 555 Fourth Street, NW
 Washington, DC 20530
 (202) 252-2510
 Fax: (202) 252-2599
 Email: melanie.hendry2@usdoj.gov
LEAD ATTORNEY
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Defendant

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF
 INVESTIGATION**

represented by **Melanie Dyani Hendry**
 (See above for address)
LEAD ATTORNEY
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Defendant

**BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO,
 FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES**

represented by **Melanie Dyani Hendry**
 (See above for address)
LEAD ATTORNEY
ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/11/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5683681) filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons), # <u>6</u> Civil Cover Sheet). (Klayman, Larry) (Attachment(s) # <u>6</u> replaced on 9/13/2018. (znmw). (Entered: 09/11/2018))
09/11/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zmd) (Entered: 09/12/2018)
09/13/2018	<u>2</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached

		Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 09/13/18. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/13/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>4</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/25/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>4</u> consent motion for extension of time to file answer to complaint. Defendants shall therefore answer or otherwise respond to plaintiff's complaint by no later than November 7, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/25/2018. (lcegs3) (Entered: 10/25/2018)
10/25/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant Answer due by 11/7/2018. (mac) (Entered: 10/25/2018)
11/07/2018	<u>5</u>	MOTION to Dismiss , MOTION for Summary Judgment by BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration of David M. Hardy, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Joseph E. Gerstell, # <u>4</u> Declaration of Sophia Y. Kil)(Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/20/2018	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>5</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment by FREEDOM WATCH, INC. (Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 11/20/2018)
11/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>6</u> plaintiff's motion for extension of time. Plaintiff shall therefore respond to defendants' motion to dismiss/summary judgment by no later than December 12, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 11/27/2018. (lcegs3) (Entered: 11/27/2018)
11/27/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff Response To Defendants' Motion To Dismiss/Summary Judgment due by 12/12/2018. (mac) (Entered: 11/27/2018)
12/12/2018	<u>7</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>5</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Book Jacket, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Successful Facsimile Confirmation, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Schaeffer Cox's Opp to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment and Motion to Dismiss, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Declaration of Schaeffer Cox)(Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 12/12/2018)
12/18/2018	<u>8</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>5</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment by BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
12/18/2018	<u>9</u>	RESPONSE re <u>8</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>5</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit 1)(Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
12/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting over objection <u>8</u> defendants' first motion for an extension of time to file its reply in support of its motion for summary judgment. The Court finds that the defendants have requested the extension in good faith and not for the purpose of delay. Moreover, the Court recently granted the plaintiff's three-week motion for an extension of time to file its opposition memorandum. Defendants shall therefore file their reply by no later than January 9, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 12/19/2018. (lcegs3) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
12/19/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendants Reply due by 1/9/2018. (mac) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
01/07/2019	<u>10</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>in Light of Lapse in Appropriations</i> by BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 01/07/2019)

		01/07/2019)
01/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> motion to stay in light of lapse of appropriations. Defendants are directed to notify the Court when appropriations are restored or if a continuing resolution is enacted. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 1/9/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 01/09/2019)
02/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The Court has accepted Cox v. Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, Civil Action No. 18-2657 (the "Cox Action") as related to this action. On November 13, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois transferred the Cox Action to this Court under 28 U.S.C § 1404(a) because "venue is closer to the records requested and it is likely that [this Court] will want to consolidate the cases so that both [actions] can be efficiently handled." Cox Order, No. 17-cv-611 (S.D. Ill. Nov. 13, 2018), ECF No. 62. To date, government counsel and Mr. Klayman have not filed notices of appearance in the Cox Action or a notification of related action in this action. See LCvR 83.2; see also LCvR 40.5(b)(3). The Court DIRECTS the parties to show cause why the Cox Action should not be consolidated under this action by no later than February 14, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/8/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/08/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties to Show Cause due by 2/14/2019. (mac) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/11/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by FREEDOM WATCH, INC.. Case related to Case No. 18-cv-2657. (Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
02/14/2019	<u>12</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT re Order,,, filed by BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
02/14/2019	<u>13</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT re Order,,, of February 8, 2019 filed by FREEDOM WATCH, INC.. (Klayman, Larry) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
02/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>12</u> Defendant's Response and <u>13</u> Plaintiff's Response to the Court's February 8, 2019 Order to Show Cause, the Court hereby consolidates Cox v. Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, Civil Action No. 18-2657 (the "Cox Action") under this action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a)(2). The parties are directed to file a joint status report by no later than March 1, 2019, proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The Clerk of Court is directed to consolidate Civil Action No. 18-2657 under Civil Action No. 18-2116, and close Civil Action No. 18-2657. All future filings shall be made in this action. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/14/2019.(lcegs3) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
02/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/1/2019. (mac) (Entered: 02/15/2019)